

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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or 29.8% in July 2008, \$3,636,900 or 16.3% in July 2009,)
and by \$2,271,300 or 8.7% in July 2010; in its Stockton)
District by \$7,474,600 or 29.0% in July 2008, \$1,422,400)
or 4.3% in July 2009, and by \$1,422,400 or 4.1% in)
July 2010; and in its Visalia District by \$3,651,907 or)
28.4% in July 2008, \$3,546,440 or 21.3% in July 2009,)
and by \$3,620,482 or 17.6% in July 2010.)
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TO BECOME A PARTY**

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Pursuant to Rules 1.4 and 11.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the City of Los Altos ("City") respectfully submit its motion to become a party in this proceeding.

California Water Service Company ("CWSC"), through its Los Altos Suburban District, provides water service to the City and its residents. A. 07-07-010, among other things, proposes to increase the rates for water service charged by the Los Altos Suburban District to the City and its residents by \$5,172, 500 or 30.6%, commencing July 1, 2008. Given the magnitude

of the proposed increase, the City has a direct and immediate interest in The Commission's consideration, review, and disposition of the myriad issues raised by the requested rate increase. In particular, the City is concerned about the scope of and need for the proposed capital investment program, the scope and allocation of increased benefit costs and increased general payroll expenses, and proposed increases in other general expenses. The City is also concerned with respect to traditional rate case issues involving forecasted water usage and related operating revenues, Administrative and General expense, Operations and Maintenance expenses, as well as rate design issues.

The City is, at this point, uncertain regarding the scope of its intended participation in the subject proceeding. At a minimum, the City requests leave to become a party for purposes of propounding discovery, participating in any related settlement discussions, and reserving the right to submit testimony for consideration during the evidentiary hearings that have been scheduled in this proceeding.

The issues to be addressed in this proceeding affect the City and its residents, and the City's perspective and participation in the proceeding will aid the Commission in its consideration of the requested rate increase. Further, the City does not believe that any party will be prejudiced by the intervention of the City at this time. Accordingly, the City asks for status as a party and an appearance in this proceeding. The City accepts the record as it has been developed to date.

Communications to the City in this proceeding may be directed to:

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The City respectfully asks the Commission to grant its motion and to allow the City to participate as a party in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of October, 2007 at San Francisco, California.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa Vieland, certify that I have on this 25th day of October 2007 caused a copy of the foregoing

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to be served on all known parties to A.07-07-001 listed on the most recently updated service list available on the California Public Utilities Commission website, via email to those listed with email and via U.S. mail to those without email service. I also caused courtesy copies to be hand-delivered as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 25th day of October 2007 at San Francisco, California.

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